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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, lines 22-27 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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--To clone chain 1 and chain 2 succeedingly after H22, a linker oligo was designed. This linker oligo encodes the flexible peptide linker (Gly₄Ser)₃ (~~SEQ ID NO:5~~). Unique restriction sites were designed on both sides of the linker creating sticky ends immediately after annealing. The DNA sequence of the linker is described below.